OF THE GRAND ARMY

The First Post Established Twenty-five Years Ago.

THE THIRD ARMY CORPS UNION

Mrs. Florence Barker the Organizer of the Woman's Relief Corps-The Sons of Veterans.

The recent celebration at Decatur, Ills., of the twenty-lifth anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic revives the memories of an interesting history. The first year of the great civil war had not ended before it was perceived by all thinking men that the struggle would result in many new and unexpected associations,



It closed the subject of future organizations of the comrades had been talked over at the camp fires of every squad; and when the weated soldiers had their first rest and "good talk" after each battle, the common sentiment was, "Boys, if we live through this thing we must fix it somehow to get together and have a nice time when this day comes around each year."

As might have been expected, the first

plans comprised company, regimental, or at the furthest brigade organizations, but on the 16th of March, 1862, "The Third Army Corps union" was formally organ-ized in the Army of the Potomac. This was the first of many; it still lives, and holds a meeting every year on the 5th of May—anniversary of the battle of Will-jamsburg—and after its meeting in New York city in 1888 it proceeded in a body to the field of Gettysburg and laid the corner stone of the Third Army Corps' monument. Many others followed rapidly, among which the Society of the Army of the Tennessee and that of the Camberland are best known. There are also organizations for each state and for various other departments, organizations to commemobegan to take form in Washington city the day after Lincoln was assassinated.

was imperative, and the chief credit for the pealing to the Indians to stand fast to organizing work is due to Chaplain W. J. Rutlesige and Dr. B. F. Stephenson, of the Fourteenth Illinois infantry. They talked fathers. The adoption of Mrs. Converse over and thought out the details in the intervals of their army duties, continued the the Indians a bond as sacred and legal as work of correspondence after the war if the tie was one of birth and blood. closed and finally met by appointment in

Mrs. Converse, by adoption a great-grandSpringfield, Ills., in March, 1866, to arrange
daughter of Red Jacket, claims an inheritthe ritual. It was first proposed to adopt the title of a Missouri organization. "The Advance Guard of America," and then of another. "The Grand Army of Progress."

Finally the present name was agreed upon.

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As secrecy was essential as to the ritual was printed at Decatur, in the office of The Tribune, as all the employes as well notism by some "professors" of the acquireas the proprietors bad served in the army.

On the 6th of April, 1866, Major (Dr.) SteEngland and America to secure appropriphenson, assisted by Captain John S.
Phelps, of the Thirty-second Illinois inmodern "black art." The British Medical fold along the line of the stitching, hemfautry, organized at Decatur the first post of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be at hand that several physicians of stand-known as "Post I, of Decatur, District of Macon, Department of Illinois." From Macon, Department of Illinois." From It is ready to hang up, a bag that is really two bags, open to the air, and a first rate cover in which a washerwoman may carry clothes.

HOUSE first to last, through all the grades of rank upon all applicants, regardless of risk to and location, military titles are preserved, health and life." Issue must be taken as each post in session being known to its to the "standing" of these fellows. They members as an encompment, and the members are "comrades" to each other at all of doctors. A doctor who ceases to be an ting room. Chief

were twelve, the organizers taking state longer a doctor but a quack, and often pretty china. It something worse, goes into history as the first "commander" something worse. of department" and Robert M. Woods as



MRS. E. PLORENCE BARKER.

'adjutant general." The second post was soon organized at Springfield, and others followed so rapidly that a state convention was held on the 12th of July. For about a year the growth of the order went on with extraordinary rapidity; then an ap-parently insuperable difficulty was met, the order languished and a few days later ost people believed it would soon expire. Politics" was the explanation. The heat and fury of the reconstruction era involved nearly all orders—"war questions" could not be avoided by men just out of the war.

A few years later, however, new questions not directly related to the war arose, and veterans found that they could differ as pleasantly as other people. Then the en-tire order was reorganized, politics was rigidly excluded, and after 1878 its growth was phenomenally rapid. The "Woman's Relief corps" was organized to aid in the charitable work, and under the efficient direction of Mrs. E. Florence Barker, first president of its national convention, it soon became a power. It now numbers about 103,000 members.

On the 30th of June, 1888, the completed report of the G. A. R. showed 6,332 posts, 351,779 members in good standing and an annual disbursement for relief of about \$250,000. It is still growing, but more slow-ly year by year as the veterans decline in number, but the "Sons of the Veterans" are organizing rapidly to maintain the tra-ditions of their fathers and teach the same lessons of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

The Falling Geysers.

The famous geysers of Iceland no longer spout with the vigor of former years. They seem to be losing their force, and if they cease to flow the island will lose one of its greatest attractions for tourists.

The discovery of petroleum in Oklahoma promises to make some of the settlers in that territery men of wealth. Flowing wells, however, are yet things of the fut-

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HONORED BY THE IROQUOIS.

White Woman Takes Part in the Six Nations Councils.

The other day the chiefs of the Iroquois

invited Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse, a well known authoress of New York city, to take part in a council of the Six Nations.

Mrs. Converse is the first white woman to whom this distinction has been extended since the death of the celebrated Mary Jamison, whe, in 1755, when thirteen years of age, was taken captive by the Iroquois, fived with them seventy years, was an interpreter and chronicler of the events in their history, and twice married to prominent chiefs, left at her death seven chilamong the New York state and Canadian

On the occasion of Mrs. Converse's preentation to this Six Nations council it had met to prepare a remonstrance against the New York assembly bill No. 544, which had for its object the abrogation of the treaties existing between the Indians and the United States. At these governmental councils—the highest courts of the Indians -the president of the Six Nations, who is also the "fire keeper" of the Onondagas, presides. At this special meeting the Onondagas, Senecas, Tuscaroras, St. Regis, Oneidas and Tonawanda-Senecas were represented by their head chiefs and sa-chems.

a runner or delegate was commissioned to notify Mrs. Converse that she was invited to the council. Accepting this unusual not many are fortunate enough to know honor, she was conducted by the runner, a this sort of a bachelor. The one herein Seneca chief, to the council room, and was received by President Sachem Daniel La Fort, who, recognizing her as a Sensca, by option, presented her by her Indian name right to counsel with them. Thereupon a national vote was taken, she was unani-



MES, HARRIET MAXWELL CONVERSE. mously granted a voice in the council and ply.

A steamer chair stands before the with the Seneca delegation. This distinction was tendered to Mrs. Converse in recrate particular battles, and, lastly, the eguition of her indefatigable zeal in oppose one reclines is the litterateur's desk. ry Order of the Loyal Legion of the ing the bill No. 544, which as a consequ United States (composed of officers), which was adversely reported or "killed" by the with little handles at each end. When

assembly committee on Indian affairs.
In a stirring address Mrs. Converse re-But it was soon apparent that as the war cited to the council the rights and wrongs had made a nation, a national organization of their people for the past 100 years, apgether and endeavor for a while longer to pockets to hold all the implements for remain the possessors of the lands of their setting the proverbial stitch in time, use

The Abuse of Hypnotism.

ment, a movement has been set afoot in honorable man, at least so far as his obli- among them is a The charter members of the first post gations to the public are concerned, is no "sideboard" for

Electric Clubs for Policemen.

An inventive genius has designed a po-liceman's club that contains a galvanic battery. When a criminal gets a grip on it and thinks to wrest it from the "copper," he receives an electric shock that astonishes and paralyzes him, and renders their length forms the width of the sidehis arrest an easy matter.

Nature's Burlesques.

mountains, and especially in the Yellowmountains, and especially in the Yellow-stone region, the wear of waters in the ages long past, and of wind and driving sand since the waters subsided, has carved the isolated rocks into shapes that seem Many trophies for table or wa like nature's buriesques of living creat-gathered by the mistress in wanderings



A YELLOWSTONE "HOODOO."

Hoodoo mountain lies about fifty miles or theast of the great canyon of the Yellowstone, and there erosive nature seems to have done her wildest work. As the ourist walks through the canyons or across the oval valley on the mountain side he is sometimes startled and often amused by the caricatures in stone. Every animal in nature or mythology is there, but the most amusing forms are those bearing ludicrous likenesses men. Here and there, also, great cathedrals, towers and battlements stand in solitary grandeur.

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show the touch of On the morning this council was called feminine hands. It is the girl bachelor. oned to To break bread with one of these is a pleasure known by few people, because described has lived in this way long enough-though less than a year-to prove several things:

-Gn-yal-nis-ha of (the beare of the law)
-to the delegates assembled, at the same
time requesting that she might have the
broken down writer, too ill to go out of doors, but not too ill enough to be in bed. Second, that frugality united with

common sense will effect wonders out of

small capital. Third, that poverty develops ingenuity to a degree undreamed of where money

is plentiful. Two serious illnesses greatly reduced the young woman's capital, so she began small. But time and her friends have been good to her, so that she is acquiring some real art treasures and originating many ingenious devices. There is no time to speak of the former, though everything interests because it has a special history. The place indicates growth, not accretion, and its mistress says, "Nothing has been bought in the spirit of, Go to; I will set up house

One admires the several sitting room "Loaned indefinitely," says the pro-

prietress. A remark about the couch luxurious with down cushions elicits the same re-

grate, and over it is thrown an old buffalo coat, fur side up. Within reach as very orderly. Under it is a soap box, she wishes to use its contents-it is her sewing box-she can, without rising, pull it out beside her, open the lid, on the under side of which are clastics and them, and put the box away when done,

This contrivance is only one of a number which show that poverty develops ingenuity. Another in her bedroom resembles this. It is a shoabox. The lid

and sanitary, not patented, but worthy of being copied. It is made of a square In view of the reckless practice of hyporestructure of stout wash goods, measuring two yards each way. Fold it once and sew a seam down the center, vertical to the fold.

So much for devices solely for use

consists of two shallewsoap boxes, which cost fif-

CLOTHES BAG. board. The lids were used to make shelves, removable because they merely rest on iron brackets fastened to the In the interior basins of the Rocky baseboard, and all are soon to be painted

Many trophies for table or walls are To those which have a grotesque around the city. She says: "One of my likeness to man the mountaineers have given the name of "hoodoos," and after seeing them no one wonders that the Interpretations about them that were within reach of my purse. Those who can give orders to furnish a room or house do not know the fun of keeping a sharp eye open for bargains in every store and odd little shop."

"Is there a heater for this apartment?" I asked presently. "No, I heat it abundantly with the

range and this grate. I burn cannel coal here, and the cost of all my firing averaged less than nine cents a day for the winter." "How do you manage to do so much,

with your writing to attend to?" "I make everything secondary to that,

These things are only diversions," alluding thus carelessly to her housekeeping and sewing, all of which she does, and does well, as her tasteful costume and the good dinner she served proved. Close beside where she sat at dinner

> covered with dark red stuff and a tea cloth. It is the place 0000 Top I Bear D40-10

where many a "cup that cheers. but not inebriates" is brewed. as a diminutive gas stove testifies. Here rest the

made of a box

family stock of knives and forks, laid in folds of delicate china BOOKCASE AND SIDE- silk, and her nut

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